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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
9 AT SEATTLE

10 ROMERO HEAD, as the court-appointed  
11 Personal Representative of the Estate of  
12 ROMEO A. HEAD,

13 Plaintiff,

14 v.

15 DISTTECH, LLC, *et al.*,

16 Defendants.

CASE NO. C16-1727 RSM

ORDER DENYING MOTION TO  
APPOINT GUARDIAN AD LITEMS

17 This matter comes before the Court on the Plaintiff's Motion to Appoint Guardian Ad  
18 Litem for the Purpose of Evaluating Settlement. Dkt. #69. The Court finds that, under LCR  
19 17(c), it has authority to appoint independent guardian ad litem for minors in this case for the  
20 purposes of settlement. Defendants object to the guardians proposed by Plaintiff, arguing that  
21 they are "professionally aligned with Plaintiff's counsel." Dkt. #70 at 1. Plaintiff disagrees  
22 with this assertion, but has suggested several other attorneys for the Court to consider,  
23 presumably attorneys who are not professionally aligned with Plaintiff's counsel.  
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1 The Court believes this issue can best be resolved by cooperation between the parties  
2 and will order the parties to refile this motion as a stipulated motion as soon as possible, listing  
3 agreed upon, independent guardian ad litem for the Court's consideration. Counsel is directed  
4 to obtain the consent of proposed guardian ad litem before filing.

5 Having reviewed the relevant briefing and the remainder of the record, the Court hereby  
6 finds and ORDERS that Plaintiff's Motion to Appoint Guardian Ad Litem for the Purpose of  
7 Evaluating Settlement, Dkt. #69, is DENIED. The parties are ORDERED to refile this Motion  
8 as a stipulated motion, noted for same-day consideration, **no later than December 6, 2017.**

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10 DATED this 29 day of November, 2017.

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13 RICARDO S. MARTINEZ  
14 CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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